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BIO-TECHNOLOGY PARKS FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Bio-technology parks have been set up for women separately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for reserving such parks, especially for the women;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up such parks in each of State; and

(e) if so, the time schedule for development of Bio-technology parks for women in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) : Yes sir, a Women`s Biotechnology Park has been set up jointly by the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and Government of Tamil Nadu at Siruseri, Chennai. The Government of Tamil Nadu has provided 20 acres of land and the Department of Biotechnology provided grants for the infrastructure and other requirements for this joint venture. Twenty industrial modules, and twenty land modules, common facilities like technology resource centre and main hub for exhibit/product display have already been constructed as part of the Park. Sixteen industrial modules have been allotted so far to women entrepreneurs, and three of them have already set up their production units for herbal cosmetics, biofertilisers and biopesticides. The Park is a Registered Society and all its activities are managed by a Governing Body.

(c) : The purpose of this Park is to encourage professionally qualified women to take up a career of remunerative self-employment through establishing their environment-friendly biotechnological enterprises. It also aims at technological empowerment of women.

(d) & (e) : At this stage there is no other proposal to establish exclusively a women`s biotechnology park. However, a technology park for women is also functioning in Dehradun. Many programmes to benefit women through biotechnology based activities are under implementation in different states such as Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttaranchal, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, North-East, Jharkhand, etc.